

WILLARD WANTS TO BE CHAMP OF FIVE YEARS AND RETIRE

Says He Will Retire Undeclared at End of That Time, but May Be Mistaken if He Remains Out of Action Too Long Now While Other Heavies Are Gath-ering Experience; Syndicate Wants \$75,000.

NEW YORK, April 25.—(By BECK.) He will head the heavyweight division for five years is probably actuated by the desire to establish himself as the world's champion for five years—and then retire undefeated. The Kansas superman believes he knows best his own limitations; and he confides that he will not double with the ring name if he survives as champion for five years. Then he will be ready for five-fight obligation after having reaped the full reward of retrieving the heavy-weight championship for the white race.

Though undisputed champion, Willard lacks the ring name. He is not like the proverbial pugilist, who would "rather fight than eat." He admits this. But as title holder he desires to establish himself as the world's champion for five years—and then retire undefeated. The Kansas superman believes he knows best his own limitations; and he confides that he will not double with the ring name if he survives as champion for five years. Then he will be ready for five-fight obligation after having reaped the full reward of retrieving the heavy-weight championship for the white race.

Another interesting sidelight is that Willard is actually 23 years old, not 27 as claimed for him. Willard has been strangely mute on the question of his age. Now he has revealed the truth. He does not expect to remain in the game more than five years. Even the great Fitz willard at 37, as Willard has at least four years of hard fighting ahead of him to equal the freckled beauty's record.

The Willard syndicate has made it known that before Jess next partakes in a ring battle with his championship at stake, his palm will have to be crossed with \$75,000 as a guarantee sum for his services. But we believe that when the stage demand for Willard's champion services is met, he will be able to put in the full names but it often occurs that new men are signed and it is impossible to put in their full names.

In Boyland

MANAGERS of all the teams in the Grammar School league had their players on hand on time last Saturday and all four games scheduled were played out. There were no forfeits, as was the case the previous weeks, and everything went smooth and nice. The managers are now realizing that the Grammar School League is being conducted on a business basis and the boys are doing their part.

Lack of space prevented the publication of the detailed scores in the home edition of Saturday so here are the scores of the games. At 10:30 a.m. the boys of the Grammar School League played four games. At 1:30 p.m. the boys of the Grammar School League played four games. At 3:30 p.m. the boys of the Grammar School League played four games.

The Las Cruces Juniors played the Lone Stars at the Foundry grounds on Saturday afternoon, the Stars winning by a score of 10 to 3. The game was a good one and was well contested throughout. The Stars got going in the opening inning for three runs and added three more in the second. It wasn't until the fourth that the visitors began to find Leuty's offerings and then they grabbed four runs and three more in the fifth, putting them in front. The Stars came back strong, however, and won.

Club Batting Percentages

The relative team batting strength of the various clubs in the three big leagues can be gauged from the following statistics, released Saturday night at Chicago, showing the club batting of the various National, American and Federal leagues teams:

Table with columns for League, Team, G, W, L, AB, R, H, TB, 2B, 3B, HR, SH, SB, BB, SO, PO, Pct. Includes National League, American League, Federal League, Pacific Coast League, and El Paso Commercial League.

Big Parade Planned For League Opening

Mayor Lea Will Pitch the First Ball

VERYBODY out for the opening day parade next Saturday afternoon! It's going to be one grand old time. There will be two bands, one coming from Las Cruces with a big delegation of fans from that city. Nearly 100 automobiles have already been promised for the big parade and all the amateur teams in the city have been invited to appear in the parade in uniform.

The Las Cruces club has invited the governor of New Mexico to be here for the game, while Mayor Forster of Las Cruces, is going to be the "lead off" man for the Hurleyites. Mayor Tom Lea has been signed as a pitcher by John J. Hurley and will "put over" to open the season here. Ernest F. Hughes, president of the league will likely do the mark and professor and attempt to receive Lea's curves.

McCluskey's players are rounding into shape nicely. Jake Bauer, Johnny Pendleton and George Luddy have been playing with the Las Cruces team in the exhibition series while Johnny Hayes has been training for several weeks to get into shape. Jack Elias is just here from the coast league so is in fine shape, and Stoney McElroy has been working in the east.

The real weakness of the local club at the present time is in the pitching staff. Mack has two young fellows who will try out for change catcher. One, a young fellow named Bolt, played with Princeton university, both behind the bat and in the outfield and it may be that he will get the call and play left field while not relieving Jack Elias. For the month work, McElroy and Tom Lea are the only two men signed so far.

BASEBALL RESULTS

Standings of the Clubs. National League, American League, Federal League, Texas League, American Association, Southern Association, Western League, El Paso Commercial League, Pacific Coast League, National League, American League, Federal League, Texas League, American Association, Southern Association, Western League, El Paso Commercial League, Pacific Coast League.

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The fans seem to be coming back. They have begun to forget that there is such a thing as baseball war. The sordid side of baseball that was shown last season for the first time disgusted them. It affected the attendance at the games. But the fans have grown used to it—and they are overlooking it.

The races in all three major leagues promises to be close. In the National, some of the smaller weaker clubs have come to the post with outfits that look able to put up a good sprint right down to the stretch. The same thing is true concerning the American league. The Cleveland Indians, regarded as rank outsiders, have played first baseball to date and look like first division possibilities.

The Browns are strengthened and so are the Yankees. The Detroit Tigers have a better team this season than in 1914. The Federal league season, opened auspiciously. The attendance, later, ought to be much better than last year. In 1914 the Feds were new. It was their first year and the fans weren't sure that they would last. They didn't care to get enthused about the race because some figured that the race might never reach a conclusion. But this season it is different.

The International league, which nearly went on the rocks in 1914, looks due for a "comeback." The attendance at all the games in 1914 was woefully small, but the gameness of the International has won the fans. Secondly, the teams have been strengthened greatly by some good looking material supplied from the surplus of the major leagues. The International may see clear expenses this season, but from this angle it looks as if they will come mightily close to it.

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